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TAGS: ETRD, PK
SUBJ: POSSIBLE PAK COTTON YARN AND TEXTILE SALE TO NORTH
VIETNAM

REF: ISLAMABAD 1284

1. AT A SOCIAL GATHERING ON FEBRUARY 18 MFA DIRECTOR
GENERAL FOR EAST ASIA, SELIMUZ ZAMAN, SPOKE TO ME ABOUT
DISCUSSION (REFTEL) BETWEEN EMBOFF AND AMIN JAN NAIM,
MFA AMERICAS DIRECTOR, REGARDING POSSIBLE G
N PLANS TO
SELL COTTON TEXTILES OR YARN TO NORTH VIETNAM. ZAMAN
RESTATED THAT MONTHS AGO HE HEARD OF PLANS OF PRIVATE PAK
TRADERS TO SELL A RELATIVELY SMALL AMOUNT OF COTTON YARN
TO NORTH VIETNAM. BEING AWARE OF POSSIBLE PROBLEMS
BECAUSE OF US PL-480 RESTRICTIONS, HE HELD UP PLANS FOR
THE SALE AND INQUIRED OF HIS WASHINGTON EMBASSY WHETHER
SUCH SALES WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE UNDER US PL-480 LAW.

2. IN A LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 7, 1974 EMBASSY
REPLIED THAT SALE WOULD BE PERMISSIBLE INASMUCH AS IT
WOULD BE CONDUCTED BY PRIVATE PARTY. AFTER DISCUSSION
BETWEEN EMBOFF AND NAIM (REFTEL), ZAMAN ASKED PAK EMBASSY
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IN WASHINGTON TO CONFIRM STATEMENT IN SEPTEMBER LETTER.

3. TODAY ZAMAN READ TO ME FROM A CABLE JUST RECEIVED FROM PAK EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON. EMBASSY ADVISED THAT IT HAD CONSULTED WITH USAID LEGAL STAFF AND HAD BEEN INFORMED THAT YARN SALE TO HANOI PERMISSIBLE SINCE THE "EXPORT OF COMMODITIES EXCLUSIVELY AND NORMALLY TRADED THROUGH PRIVATE CHANNELS TO NORTH VIET NAM WOULD NOT CONSTITUTE A VIOLATION OF SECTION 103(D) OF PL-480 OR OF SECTION 620 (N) OF FOREIGN ASSISTANCE ACT PROVIDED COMMODITIES NOT TRADED THROUGH PUBLIC SECTOR AGENCIES".

4. PLEASE ADVISE.

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